

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 17, 2018

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We respectfully ask that you grant the request made by Governor Kim Reynolds for a declaration of a major disaster for the State of Iowa as a result of severe weather that produced tornadoes, hail, high winds, and severe thunderstorms on July 19, 2018. This weather caused significant damage to public infrastructure and private property.

The five counties included in this request are Lee, Marion, Marshall, Polk and Van Buren. The Governor requested the activation of the Public Assistance Program and the implementation of a Public Assistance State Managed Disaster operation for the following four counties: Lee, Marion, Marshall and Van Buren. The Governor also requested the Individual Assistance Program for Marshall and Polk Counties.


The Governor determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response and recovery is beyond the capabilities of the State of Iowa and the affected local governments, and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.

Thank you for your prompt consideration and declaration of this major disaster for the State of Iowa.

Sincerely,


Representative David Loebbeck


Senator Charles E. Grassley


Senator Joni K. Ernst


Representative Rod Blum


Representative David Young


Representative Steve King